

# **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

## **Claim Amendment Summary**

### **Claims pending**

- Before this Amendment: Claims 1-51.
- After this Amendment: Claims 1-4 and 7-57

**Non-Elected, Canceled, or Withdrawn claims:** Claims 5 and 6

**Amended claims:** Claims 1, 6, 14-16, 18-30, 32-39, and 41-51

**New claims:** Claims 52-57

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## **Claims:**

### **1. (Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

determining whether at least one sample of a presentation is processed by a first component of a pipeline at an expected time; and

requesting a second component of the pipeline to alter the manner in which the second component processes a portion of the presentation if the at least one sample is not processed at the expected time, wherein the portion of the presentation comprises a succeeding sample to the at least one sample.

**2. (Original)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first component comprises a media sink.

**3. (Original)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the second component comprises a codec.

**4. (Original)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first component comprises a media sink and the second component comprises a codec.

**5. Cancelled.**

**6. Cancelled.**

**7. (Original)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the portion of the presentation comprises a frame.

**8. (Original)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein determining whether the at least one sample is processed at the expected time comprises comparing a timing value in the at least one sample to a predetermined time frame associated with the presentation.

**9. (Original)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein determining whether the at least one sample is processed at the expected time comprises comparing a timing value in the at least one sample to a presentation clock.

**10. (Original)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein determining whether the at least one sample is processed at the expected time comprises determining whether a timing value in the at least one sample was processed by the first component at the time specified by the timing value.

**11. (Original)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein determining whether the at least one sample is processed at the expected time comprises determining whether a timing value in the at least one sample was processed by the first component within a given time of a time specified by the timing value.

**12. (Original)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one sample comprises a first sample and a second sample and wherein determining whether the at least one sample is processed at the expected time comprises determining if the first sample is processed by the first component at a first expected time and determining if the second sample is processed by the first component at a second expected time.

**13. (Original)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one sample comprises a first sample and a second sample and wherein determining whether the at least one sample is processed at the expected time comprises:

determining a first timing error as a difference between a time at which the first sample is processed by the first component and a time at which the first sample is expected to be processed;

determining a second timing error as a difference between a time at which the second sample is processed by the first component and a time at which the first sample is expected to be processed; and

determining if the second timing error is greater than the first timing error.

**14. (Currently Amended)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one sample comprises a first sample comprising an associated ~~including~~ a first timing value and a second sample comprising an associated ~~including a~~ second timing value and wherein determining whether the at least one sample is processed at the expected time comprises determining whether the first timing value more closely corresponds to a time at which the first sample is processed by the first component than the second timing value corresponds to a time at which the second sample is processed by the first component.

**15. (Currently Amended)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein altering the manner in which the second component processes ~~[[a]]~~ the portion of the presentation comprises dropping the succeeding ~~at least one~~ sample of ~~the presentation~~.

**16. (Currently Amended)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the portion of the presentation comprises a plurality of frames, wherein altering the manner in which the second component processes ~~[[a]]~~ the portion of the presentation comprises dropping a subset of the plurality of frames, wherein the subset comprises two or more frames ~~at least one frame of the presentation~~.

**17. (Original)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first component is a media sink, the second component is a codec, and the wherein altering the manner in which the second component processes a portion of the presentation comprises dropping at least one frame of the presentation.

**18. (Currently Amended)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein:  
the pipeline comprises ~~includes~~ a media source, a media sink, and a topology of media processing nodes;  
the first component is a node in the topology; and  
the second component is the media sink.

**19. (Currently Amended)** A method as recited in claim 1, wherein:

the pipeline comprises ~~includes~~ a media source, a media sink, and a topology of media processing nodes;

the first component is a node in the topology including a codec; and

the second component is the media sink.

**20. (Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

determining if timeliness of sample processing in a multi-component pipeline is degrading, the determination being made based on processing times of a first sample and a second sample of a presentation;

altering the manner in which a component in the multi-component pipeline processes a portion of the presentation if the timeliness of the sample processing is said determined to be degrading, wherein the portion comprises one or more succeeding samples to one or more of the first sample and the second sample.

**21. (Currently Amended)** A method as defined in claim 20, wherein the processing times of the first and the second samples are determined relative to a single component in the multi-component pipeline.

**22. (Currently Amended)** A method as defined in claim 20, wherein the processing times of the first sample component is determined relative to a first component in the multi-component pipeline and the processing times of the second sample component is determined relative to a second component in the multi-component pipeline.

**23. (Currently Amended)** A method as defined in claim 20, wherein the processing times of the first and the second samples are determined using timing information in the first and the second samples.

**24. (Currently Amended)** A method as defined in claim 20, wherein the processing times of the first and the second samples are determined using timing information in the first and the second samples and a presentation clock.

**25. (Currently Amended)** A method as defined in claim 20, wherein the timeliness of the sample processing is determined based on:

a first timing difference between a time specified in a timing value in the first sample and a ~~that~~ time that the first sample is processed by ~~[[a]]~~ the component in the multi-component pipeline;

a second timing difference between a time specified by a timing value in the second sample and a time that the second sample is processed by [[a]] the component in the multi-component pipeline.

**26. (Currently Amended)** A method as defined in claim 20, wherein the timeliness of the sample processing is determined based on:

a first timing difference between a time specified in a timing value in the first sample and a time that the first sample is processed by a first component in the multi-component pipeline;

a second timing difference between a time specified by a timing value in the second sample and a time that the second sample is processed by a second component in the multi-component pipeline.

**27. (Currently Amended)** A method as defined in claim 20, wherein the timeliness of the sample processing is determined by:

determining a first timing difference between a time specified in a timing value in the first sample and a time that the first sample is processed by [[a]] the component in the multi-component pipeline;

determining a second timing difference between a time specified by a timing value in the second sample and a time that the second sample is



processed by [[a]] the component in the multi-component pipeline, wherein the second sample is processed at a later time than the first sample; and

determining that timeliness of sample processing is degrading if the second timing difference is greater than the first timing difference.

**28. (Currently Amended)** A method as defined in claim 20, wherein the timeliness of the sample processing is determined by:

determining a first timing difference between a time specified in a timing value in the first sample and a time that the first sample is processed by a selected component in the multi-component pipeline;

determining a second timing difference between a time specified by a timing value in the second sample and a time the second sample is processed by the selected component, wherein the second sample is processed at a later time than the first sample; and

determining that timeliness of sample processing is degrading if the second timing difference is greater than the first timing difference.

**29. (Currently Amended)** A method as defined in claim 20, wherein altering the manner in which [[a]] the component in the multi-component pipeline processes a portion of the presentation comprises instructing the component to drop [[a]] the one or more succeeding samples.

**30. (Currently Amended)** A method as defined in claim 20, wherein altering the manner in which [[a]] the component in the multi-component pipeline processes [[a]] the portion of the presentation comprises instructing the component to drop each sample in a frame of the presentation.

**31. (Original)** A method as defined in claim 20, wherein each component comprises processor executable instructions executed by a processor.

**32. (Currently Amended)** A computerized system, comprising:  
a plurality of sample processing components operably connected to form a pipeline operable to process samples of a presentation; and  
a quality manager that monitors sample processing times in the pipeline and, based on the monitored sample processing times, controls a [[the]] manner in which at least one of the sample processing components processes a subsequent portion of the presentation.

**33. (Currently Amended)** A computerized system as recited in claim 32, wherein the at least least one of the sample processing components

comprises a media sink, and wherein the quality manager monitors sample processing times at the media sink.

**34. (Currently Amended)** A computerized system as recited in claim 32, wherein controlling the manner in which the at least one of the sample processing components processes ~~a~~ the subsequent portion of the presentation comprises instructing the at least one of the sample processing components to drop ~~[[a]] one or more~~ samples of the subsequent portion of the presentation.

**35. (Currently Amended)** A computerized system as recited in claim 32, wherein controlling the manner in which the at least one of the sample processing components processes ~~[[a]] the subsequent~~ portion of the presentation comprises instructing the at least one of the sample processing components to drop all of the samples of a frame of the subsequent portion of the presentation.

**36. (Currently Amended)** A computerized system as recited in claim 32, wherein the quality manager controls the manner in which at least one of the components processes ~~[[a]] the subsequent~~ portion of the presentation based on two or more samples of the presentation.

**37. (Currently Amended)** A computerized system as recited in claim 32, wherein the quality manager monitors sample processing times at a first sample processing component and, based on the monitored sample processing time at the first sample processing component, controls the manner in which a second sample processing component processes [[a]] the subsequent portion of the presentation.

**38. (Currently Amended)** A computerized system as recited in claim 32, wherein the quality manager monitors sample processing times at a sink component and, based on the monitored sample processing time at the sink component, controls the manner in which a codec component processes [[a]] the subsequent portion of the presentation.

**39. (Currently Amended)** A computerized system as recited in claim 32, wherein the quality manager monitors the processing times of two samples at a sink component and, based on the monitored sample processing times of the two samples at the sink component, requests that the codec component drop at least lease one frame of the presentation.

**40. (Original)** A computerized system as recited in claim 32, further comprising a presentation clock associated with the presentation, wherein the

quality manager monitors sample processing times in the pipeline relative to the presentation clock.

**41. (Currently Amended)** A computerized system as recited in claim 32, further comprising a presentation clock associated with the presentation, wherein a plurality of the samples of the presentation comprise associated ~~include~~ timing information, and wherein the quality manager monitors sample processing times in the pipeline by comparing the timing information of the samples to the presentation clock.

**42. (Currently Amended)** A ~~processor-readable~~ tangible storage medium having stored thereon processor executable instructions for performing acts comprising:

determining a timing value associated with a sample of a presentation being processed by a first component in a pipeline;

determining if the sample is on time by comparing the timing value to a presentation clock associated with the presentation; and

requesting a second component in the pipeline to drop a subsequent sample of the presentation if the sample is not on time.

**43. (Currently Amended)** A ~~processor-readable~~ tangible storage medium as recited in claim 42, wherein the timing value is included in the sample.

**44. (Currently Amended)** A ~~processor-readable~~ tangible storage medium as recited in claim 42, wherein the first component is a sink component.

**45. (Currently Amended)** A ~~processor-readable~~ tangible storage medium as recited in claim 42, wherein the second component is a codec.

**46. (Currently Amended)** A ~~processor-readable~~ tangible storage medium as recited in claim 42, wherein the first component is a sink component and the second component is a codec.

**47. (Currently Amended)** A ~~processor-readable~~ tangible storage medium having stored thereon processor executable instructions for performing acts comprising:

determining timing information associated with at least two samples of a presentation processed by a first component in a pipeline;

determining if the sample timing is degrading by comparing the timing information associated with the at least two samples to a presentation clock associated with the presentation; and

instructing at least one component in the pipeline to alter a ~~than~~ manner in which the at least one component processes a portion of the presentation if the sample time is degrading, wherein the portion comprises two or more samples.

**48. (Currently Amended)** A ~~processor-readable~~ tangible storage medium as recited in claim 47, wherein the timing information are included in the samples.

**49. (Currently Amended)** A ~~processor-readable~~ tangible storage medium as recited in claim 42, wherein the first component is a sink component.

**50. (Currently Amended)** A ~~processor-readable~~ tangible storage medium as recited in claim 42, wherein the at least one component is a codec.

**51. (Currently Amended)** A ~~processor-readable~~ tangible storage medium as recited in claim 42, wherein the first component is a sink component and the at least one component is a codec.

**52. (New)** A method as recited in claim 1,  
wherein the at least one sample comprises a first sample and a second sample; and  
wherein the portion of the presentation comprises a third sample and a fourth sample.

**53. (New)** A method as recited in claim 13, further comprising:  
if the second timing error is said determined to be greater than the first timing error, further requesting the second component of the pipeline to alter the manner in which the second component processes the portion of the presentation, wherein the portion of the presentation comprises two or more succeeding samples to the at least one sample.

**54. (New)** A method as recited in claim 53,  
wherein the two or more succeeding samples to the at least one sample are not consecutive samples.

**55. (New)** A method as recited in claim 20,  
wherein the at least one sample comprises a first sample and a second sample; and



wherein the portion of the presentation comprises a third sample and a fourth sample.

**56. (New)** A method as recited in claim 28, further comprising:

if the timeliness of the sample processing is said determined to be degrading, further altering the manner in which the component processes the portion of the presentation, wherein the portion of the presentation comprises two or more succeeding samples to one or more of the first sample and the second sample.

**57. (New)** A method as recited in claim 56,

wherein the two or more succeeding samples to the at least one sample are not consecutive samples.